

### **Amendments to the Abstract**

Please replace the abstract of the disclosure with the following rewritten abstract:

#### **Apparatus And Method Of Direct Mode Radio Communication**

A method of direct mode radio communication is disclosed, characterised by a mobile station (MS) maintaining at least a first direct mode group set (DGS) comprising an ordered list of two or more user groups together with their respective associated direct mode radio frequency (RF) channels. The groups are maintained for the purpose of scanning for alternative RF activity among some or all of said groups.

**FIG. 3**